

BRUTAL MURDER OF AGED CHINESE FOR HIS MONEY

Struck Down From Behind and Body Dragged Into
Bushes—Scene of Crime Near Old Maalaea
Landing—Police On Trail.

His head beaten to a pulp with a heavy kiawe club, and his pockets rifled of \$50 or more in money, Lee Ten Duck, an old Chinese egg peddler, was found dead in the bushes near the trail a short distance east of the old Maalaea landing, Wednesday afternoon. All evidence points to one of the most brutal murders that has ever occurred on Maui. Sheriff Clem Crowell has taken personal charge of the case and will bend every energy to bringing the perpetrator of the horrible deed to speedy justice.

The dead man, who lived at Keokea, Kula, and who was 67 years of age, was returning from Lahaina, where he had taken a consignment of produce, when the crime was committed. At a lonely place on the trail he had evidently been set upon, as he rode one of his burros and drove two

others ahead of him.

After committing the crime, the murderer dragged the body of his victim for some little distance from the road into the bushes, as evidenced by the trail on the ground. A few hundred feet away the empty wallet of the old man was found.

The murder is supposed to have been committed shortly after the noon hour. The pack animals of the murdered man continued on to Kihei, where their arrival gave rise to uneasiness on the part of Ah Sin, the store-keeper, who rode back along the trail and made the ghastly discovery about 3 o'clock, and immediately notified the police.

It is known that the murdered man had collected some \$50 or more while in Lahaina, and there seems little doubt that the sole object of the murder was robbery.

Strong Planks in a Sound Platform

Tariff—Restoration of duty on sugar and rice.
Statehood for Hawaii and greater home rule.
Harbor Improvements—Wharves at Honolulu, Hilo, Lahaina, Nawiliwili and Kona coast of Hawaii.
Permanent Pension to Queen.
New Charter for Honolulu—Revision of counties' charters.
Favoring Woman Suffrage.
Strong support to education.
Reform in Judicial Procedure.
Maintain Present Liquor Law—Added powers for liquor commissioners.
Campaign Fund Publicity—Limit amount from individuals.
Stringent Foreign Corporation laws.
More responsibility for Surety Companies.
Control Fire Insurance Rates.
Citizen Labor on Federal Work.
Encourage Plant and Fruit Industry—Money to fight pests.
Workmen's Compensation Law.
Better Public Accounting System.
More Teeth for Public Utilities Commission.
Amendment to Primary Law.
Nominal beef and pork license.
Financial help in tuberculosis and leprosy work.
Public control of artesian water system.
Labor law for women and children.
Liberal assistance for Promotion Work.
Federal aid for fisheries.
Broader pastoral land laws.
Improved Civil service law.
Eight-hour labor law.
Temporary suspension of immigration work.
Government financial assistance to small farmers.

PACKERS DARE NOT TAKE ALL FRUIT, SAYS DOLE

Tells Homesteaders Production Has Increased Too
Fast—Financial Burden Worries Canners—Pines
Rotting In Field On Oahu—No Market At Any Price

Declaring that the pineapple packers of Hawaii are carrying every ounce of load they dare carry for the present season, and that even with the exceedingly low price of fruit prevailing they will not know whether or not they are to get out whole before late next fall, James D. Dole, president of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, of Oahu and of the Haiku Company, presented the packers' side of the present situation to a large gathering of homesteaders and other pineapple growers at the Kula school house, on Thursday night.

Mr. Dole stated that at the present time there are at least 6000 or 8000 tons of fruit ripening on Oahu which no canner will accept at any price, for the reason that he dare not spend the additional \$40 to \$50 per ton required to put it into cases. This fruit, he stated, has been offered as low as \$5 per ton, but that the price has nothing to do with the matter. Hundreds of thousands of dollars, he said, which has been borrowed to put up the pack, must be repaid whether the goods are marketed or not, else the companies must go to the wall.

To give an idea of the tremendous growth of the pineapple business, Mr. Dole stated that this year's pack of 2,250,000 or more cases equals half as much as that of all the varieties of fruit put in cans in the state of California; this development being reached in but 11

years, against the many years of growth of the Coast canning industry.

The surprising thing to Mr. Dole is a difficulty has been experienced in moving the pack, but that the crisis did not come long ago. The fact that Hawaiian pineapple is the queen of all fruit put in tins is the only explanation for this phenomenon.

Mr. Dole admitted that the cost of growing pines is about \$15 per ton, and that the homesteaders with contracts, who get this year \$11.25 per ton, and those without contracts, still less, if they sell their fruit at all, have a heavy loss to face. He stated that he had been a homesteader himself and that he wished to see the Haiku settlers succeed, and that the Haiku Fruit & Packing Company will do everything it can to help them make good.

Mr. Dole went at length into the history of the pineapple development in these islands. He claimed that every effort is being made to extend the market, and declared from personal observation, made during his recent trip to the mainland, that Hawaiian pineapple is being sold for less in retail stores all over the United States, than almost any other fruit, and that unquestionably this fact, together with the quality of the product, is creating a greater demand than ever before.

All-Students Lose But Win Friends

Not for a long time have Maui fans had the opportunity of witnessing three such really interesting games of baseball as they did in the series played with the All-Students on Saturday, Sunday and Monday last. Nor did the fact that the local team took two out of three of the games, contribute to this feeling of satisfaction. For the two teams were more evenly matched than usual, and both played a good class of ball. With the All-Service games, it was a case of virtually a professional team playing amateurs, which never makes a satisfactory game. Moreover, the very best of feeling maintained, and the banquet at the Maui Hotel on Monday night, added the final touch of friendship. It is to be sincerely hoped that this will not be the last opportunity Maui will have of seeing the student aggregation at work.

The visitors won the first game by a score of 13 to 9. There was some good work in this game but it was more ragged than the two following ones. Scholtz and Meyer pitched in this game for the locals, while Bal was in the box in Sunday's and Monday's games. Bal and Cocket were the mask on Saturday, while Clement filled the position in the last two games. Bal's work in the box was of a high order, and there was a noticeable increase in the ginger of the team while he held down No. 1 position. Soares was missed behind the bat, but Clement played a very creditable game.

The score of Sunday's game was Maui 4, All-Students 3. For Monday's game, Maui 5, All-Students 3. The Students were weakened by the loss of one or two of their best men, who were not able to come on the present trip, but they did well nevertheless. Baldwin, Gay, and the two Wadsworth boys, playing with the visitors, are all Maui boys, and received a great welcome.

The banquet Monday evening was a most jolly affair and the students left for Lahaina afterwards much pleased with their visit.

Success Of Big Booster Dinner Sure

Maui's second get-together dinner is to be held next Thursday night, at the Maui Hotel. Reply post cards have been sent out to the members of the chamber of commerce, asking them to signify their intention to be present, and the names of the guests they will bring with them. It will cost each one who attends the dinner, \$1.25, which just about pays the expense which will be incurred.

The committee which has the matter in hand consists of H. B. Penhallow, R. A. Wadsworth, and E. R. Bevins. A program of short addresses is being arranged, besides which there will probably be a number of informal talks on live topics, but an effort is to be made to make the speech-making as pithy and to the point as possible.

An invitation has been sent to President Farrington of the Honolulu Ad Club, asking him to be present in person, or to try to have a number of the live wires of his organization present. H. P. Wood, or some other member of the Promotion Committee, may also attend the dinner. The success of the first dinner held some months ago encourages the belief that the coming one will be a most pleasant and profitable affair.

Editor's Walking Challenge Taken

H. M. Ayres, editor of Tropic Topics, who has something of a reputation as a heel and toe artist, has had his challenge for a walking match accepted by a Maui fast stepper, and the contest will come off sometime about the middle of August. The event will be one of the features of the August sports night at the Gym. The man who is to measure strides with Ayres has not yet allowed his name to be mentioned, but it is understood that the event will be one worth witnessing.

REPUBLICANS UNITED IN PLATFORM CONVENTION

Harmony Is Keynote—Maui
Delegates Play Prominent
Part.

Without a jar to break the harmony which characterized the proceedings throughout, the Republican Territorial convention finished its labors shortly after midnight on Tuesday. The sessions were held in the Popular Theater, Honolulu.

The result of the work of the convention is a platform that should make the Republican party invulnerable in the next Territorial elections. Every plank is the result of sane and constructive thinking, and most if not all of them are eminently practical and may be worked into law provided the voters of the Territory elect the ticket pledged to support this platform.

Throughout the convention there was no hint of any factional strife due to the rival candidacy of Kalaniana'ole and Rice for the delegateship nomination.

Maui delegates took a prominent part in the framing of the platform. Hon. A. F. Judd was named permanent chairman of the convention, and Chas. Wilcox, of Maui, secretary. Senator H. B. Penhallow was named chairman of the credential committee. Other Maui committee members were—William Walsh, rules and permanent organization; G. P. Cooke, A. N. Hay-

selden, platform committee; and R. A. Drummond and W. A. Clark, resolutions committee.

Strong resolutions were adopted against any federal leprosy settlement in the Territory, against any but citizen labor being employed on federal work in the islands, and one urging the army and navy departments to supply better accommodations for housing the troops on Oahu.

Maui's representation in the convention follows:

1. Geo. C. Munroe.
2. D. T. Fleming.
3. Chas. K. Farden, A. N. Hayselden, C. R. Lindsay, L. Weinheimer.
4. Willie Hoopii.
5. Geo. H. Cummings, P. J. Goodness, H. B. Penhallow, Chas. Wilcox.
6. R. J. K. Nawahine.
7. C. C. Campbell, M. P. Gomes, J. Vasconcellos, W. Walsh.
8. Abolished.
9. D. H. Keliiaa.
10. George Copp.
11. W. A. Clark.
12. H. A. Baldwin, J. P. Kapihie, Antone Perreira.
13. Edward Smythe.
14. D. W. Napiha-a.
15. Jas. S. Achong.
16. R. A. Drummond, J. Kai-ewe Holani, E. J. Silva.
17. J. B. K. Kamai.
18. Joel Nakaleka.
19. J. K. Kaupu.
20. Geo. P. Cooke.
21. W. J. Goodhue, W. B. Lapilio, J. D. McVeigh.

Boy Scout Leader Coming Pennsylvanian Due Sunday

Boy Scout Commissioner James A. Wilder will be over to Maui next week for the purpose of inspecting the various scout patrols on this island. He will visit all sections where patrols have been organized, and give a general course of instruction to scout masters in scout work, tramping, etc.

The American-Hawaiian Steamship Pennsylvanian is expected at Kahului some time Sunday morning on her first visit to this port. She will take away 1246 tons of sugar and 3000 cases of pineapple for the Atlantic seaboard, sailing via Straits of Magellan.

Expert Out For Crooked Merchants

Trouble has begun on Maui for the merchant with the crooked scales, the 35-inch yard-stick, or the false-bottom measure. The supervisors last week authorized the employment by the Sheriff of E. W. West, scale expert, to test the weights and measures of the county, and already the sheriff's office has taken on the appearance of a junk shop with scales and measures that have been sized.

Mr. West has been at work on Hawaii for several months where he wrought a transformation in many a place of business. During the month or more that he will be on Maui he will instruct J. E. Garcia of the Sheriff's office in the art of scale testing, so that hereafter the county will be in position to take care of this business. All scales tested will be sealed and marked. The Board appropriated \$550 for the work.

Manoa Brings Tourists

The Matson Liner Manoa made Kahului port early Thursday morning with 28 passengers, mostly tourists, and 370 tons of freight for Maui points. She took on 3048 tons of sugar from the central Maui plantations and 700 cases of pineapples, and got away for Kaunapali early this morning, where she will load more sugar before proceeding to Honolulu tonight.

Big Pineapple Crop Being Harvested

About the busiest place on Maui, during the past two weeks, has been the Haiku pineapple district. The fruit is now ripening at very rapid rate, and it is with difficulty that the growers are able to gather and haul it to the canneries. Teams and men are at a premium. It had been expected that the Kahului Railroad would help out a good deal this season by putting its big auto trucks to work hauling the fruit to the factory, but the excessive rains have made the roads so bad that this plan has not thus far been feasible. Both the Haiku and the Pauwela canneries are working about full capacity, and will continue to do so for several weeks yet.

Maui Land Sold

At the sales room of J. F. Morgan Co. at noon Saturday, 4.19 acres of taro and kula land at Waiher, Maui, was sold under foreclosure of a mortgage made by Hao Kaanana to the Young Men's Saving Society. It was bought by J. Garcia for \$975, which is regarded as a good price.—Star-Bulletin.

A Pest Maui Doesn't Want

A species of flea, which is said to be causing heavy losses to poultrymen on Oahu, should cause Maui fanciers to be very cautious about bringing in new stock to this island. So far as is known the pest has not yet been introduced here. It is understood that the flea reached Honolulu in shipments of chickens from California. It is difficult to combat.